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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2561

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Kenji MATSUOKA) Group Art Unit: 2154
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Serial No.: 09/840,057) Examiner: Lin, Wen Tai
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Filed: April 24, 2001) Confirmation No.: 3706
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For: BUSINESS METHOD BY)
INTERNET CONNECTION)
INFORMATION REGISTRATION)
SERVICE, INTERNET)
CONNECTION SETTING)
METHOD, INTERNET)
CONNECTION INFORMATION)
REGISTRATION METHOD, AND)
COMPUTER-READABLE)
RECORDING MEDIUM WHICH)
RECORDS APPLICATION)
PROGRAM)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated July 23, 2004, the period for response to which extends through August 23, 2004 (August 22nd being a Sunday), the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 among claims 1-6 (Group I); claims 7, 9-14, 17, and 20-21 (Group II); and claims 8, 15-16, and 18-19 (Group III). Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-6, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a device on a collaborative communications network.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: August 20, 2004

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